

THE PEOPLE'S STORE.

BIG HANDKERCHIEF SALE

86 Dozen Ladies white Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs 10c each former price 12c.
 15 Dozen Ladies white Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs 15c or 2 for 25c never sold below 20c.
 86 Dozen Ladies white Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs 25c former prices from 39 to 50c.
 50 Dozen Ladies white Hemstitched Handkerchiefs with Initials 5c each.
 60 Dozen white Silk embroidered Handkerchiefs 3 for 25c former prices 15c.
 25 Dozen white Silk embroidered Handkerchiefs 15c former price 25c.
 25 Dozen same better quality with open work 25c each former prices 39 and 50c.
 150 Dozen Ladies Irish embroidered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 3 for 25c.
 100 Dozen Ladies white embroidered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs colored border 5c each former price 10c.

CHRISTIE & COMPANY.

Christmas Dinner

is near at hand and you will want many good things for the occasion. Lack of space prevents me from enumerating the many good things which I have in stock but call and look my stock over and am sure you will find what you want.

Braman's

Finest Holly, Florida and Jamaica Oranges, especially fine Malaga Grapes, Bananas, choicest Apples, Nuts of all kinds, Home Made Mince Meat and Jellies, Boiled Cider and Cider Jelly, and a large stock of absolutely pure Confectionery.

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\$1

The popularity of our Mantle photos at \$1 a dozen surprise us. We are keeping them at this ridiculously low price a little longer hoping they will continue to draw attention to our Cabinets and other regular styles. We invite the most critical inspection.

MARTIN'S STUDIO,
 Eagle St., North Adams, next Baptist Church.

By Telegraph 5.00 O'CLOCK.

CARLISLE'S REPORT.

The Secretary of the Treasury Goes Into Financial Science.

WANTS THE NOTES RETIRED

He Says That the Gold Reserve will Always be a Matter of Politics and will Imperil Confidence in Currency System.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle's annual report of the state of the finances shows the revenues of the government from all sources to have been \$409,473,408, the expenditures to be \$434,678,634, deficit for the year ended June 30, 1896 to be \$25,205,226. In addition to ordinary revenues collected during the year the treasury cash has been increased as follows for the sale of one hundred million four percent, thirty year bonds \$11,166,246; from the issue of four per cent. bonds liquidating interest accrued on refunding certificates converted during the year \$4,130.

Retire the Notes.
 Discussing the question of currency the secretary makes an exhaustive argument in favor of the retirement from circulation of the United States and treasury notes. He says "Our experience since the resumption of specie payments has thoroughly demonstrated the impolicy of attempting to maintain in circulation these notes as a permanent part of the currency. I deem further argument of the question unnecessary except for the purpose of again pressing the subject upon the attention of congress."

Questionable Gold Reserve.
 Again the secretary says: "The maintenance of a policy necessarily imposing upon the government the burden of furnishing gold at the public expense to all who demand it for hoarding or export cannot be justified upon the ground of expediency or sound financial principle. Although the actual ability of the government to redeem the notes promptly in gold may be undisputed, still the question whether they will or should be always redeemed is open to public discussion."

Disturbance from Politics.
 "It is well known that the constant agitation of the question for the past few years upon several occasions has greatly impaired the safety of our currency system. So long as the notes remain in circulation questions regarding the manner of their redemption and regarding the mode of maintaining the gold reserve for the purpose will be political issues, and so long as these questions are in politics public confidence in the stability of the currency will be more or less disturbed."

Will Not Injuriouly Contract.
 "No system of coinage which can be devised will furnish the government either gold or silver unless it pays for it with the means already collected by taxation, or by contracting indebtedness to be paid by the people in the future." The secretary is thoroughly convinced that the retirement of both classes of notes under some restrictions, as congress may see proper to prescribe as prudent, or the secretary of the treasury adopt in the exercise of his official discretion, will not result in either permanent or temporary injurious contraction of the currency.

The secretary further says: "What is most needed at the present time is not more taxes but more economy in appropriation and expenditures. The great increase in the ordinary expenditures of the government in the last seven years is without precedent in our history in times of peace and presents a subject imperatively demanding the serious consideration of congress."

Knowledge Will Facilitate.
 The secretary concludes saying: "When the true principle of taxation is recognized and applied there will be no difficulty in securing ample revenues for the support of the government without subjecting industries to injurious burdens or trade to unnecessary restrictions."

Sufficient Importations Yet.
 "Although the number of purely revenue articles has been much diminished by economy and changes that have taken place the last few years such articles still sufficient in number and must continue to be with the Webb Granite and Construction company of Worcester.

By Telegraph 4.00 O'CLOCK.

CAMERON REPORTS.

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"COMING OF THE KING."

A Beautiful Cantata Admirably Rendered at the Baptist Church.

The Baptist church was filled to the doors Sunday evening by a very large assemblage to listen to the beautiful cantata, "The Coming of the King," by Dudley Buck, rendered by the large chorus choir of about forty voices, under the direction of John L. Howes. The cantata was one of the finest selections ever given in this city by a church choir. It opened with an organ prelude by Mr. Howes and was followed with a soprano solo by Mrs. Wilson Curtis, which was rendered with very much expression, as were also her solos in different parts throughout the cantata. Mrs. J. Mortimer Darby sang very beautifully the contralto solo, "The Virgin's Lullaby." This is a touching selection and was very effectively rendered. Fred T. Francis of Pittsfield, the baritone soloist of the quartet, filled the church with his magnificent voice and rendered his solos excellently, his enunciation being especially fine. Thomas Palmer of Adams, tenor of the quartet, sang his selections well and distinctly. The other solos by Clarence Reynolds, Arthur Terry and Charles K. Millard, were finely rendered. The work of the large chorus was exceptionally fine and showed the most careful attention to expression.

Mr. Howes may well feel proud of the work of his choir. The cantata will be repeated at the service next Sunday.

The music at the morning service was also excellent and a large audience was present.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

A Pleasant Time to be Enjoyed at the Universalist Chapel.

The annual Christmas exercises of the Universalist Sunday school will take place in the chapel Friday afternoon and evening, beginning at 5 o'clock. The first hour will be spent with a musical and literary program, after which supper will be served at 6 o'clock for the children in the dining room. "Santa Claus" will be present and will distribute gifts from the tree.

The musical part of the entertainment will be in charge of Mrs. E. F. Gibbs, and the program, which will be conducted by the infant department will be in charge of Miss Annie Blake. The members of Mrs. M. Hines and Mrs. E. F. Gibbs' class of young ladies, assisted by the members of Miss Carter Hines' class of boys, will have charge of the decoration of the rooms upstairs. The dining room will be in charge of Mrs. E. E. Porter's class, assisted by Miss Emma Brown's class of young men.

NOT UNTIL SPRING.

Will the Street Car Shed on Pearl Street Be Built.

The building of the Hoosac Valley Street Railway company car shed on Pearl street has been postponed until the spring. The delay caused by a slight misalignment of the street has made it unadvisable to continue the work of laying the track from Main street, which was commenced the next morning after the board of public works granted a provisional permit.

Blackinton Union School.

Report of Blackinton Union school district 1, and settlement with Williamstown for fifteen weeks ending December 15, 1896, including repairs on buildings in summer vacation the company and the students on Pearl street has made it unadvisable to continue the work of laying the track from Main street, which was commenced the next morning after the board of public works granted a provisional permit.

With the opening of spring the work of moving the old tenement houses on Pearl street will commence and the car shed will be pushed to completion without delay.

Teachers' salaries.—\$140.00 \$121.35 \$98.00
 Expenses— 35.43 15.73 41.73
 Repairs— 263.42 64.05 184.47
 Books and supplies— 114.62 35.41 83.01
 Less received rent of hall— 17.00 5.08 11.92
 Total— \$231.11 \$201.90 \$191.15

Total expenses of Evening schools—\$239.54
 North Adams—\$247.72
 Williamstown— 73.52
 \$560.81

James R. Chipperfield, 112, Chairman Blackinton Com.
 Per Mr. W. Thomas, Principal.

New Officers.

Dictator Lodge, 487, Knights of Honor, has elected the following officers for 1897: P. D. O. J. Brown; D. W. E. Wilson; V. D. G. P. Braman; A. D. M. B. Hathaway; reporter, J. R. Chipperfield; F. R. Homer Bushnell; treasurer, Alfred A. Leo; chaplain, A. M. Whipple; guide, F. G. Millard; guard, E. O. Saulnier; sentinel, Samuel Mabbett. Trustees, A. M. Whipple, G. O. Braman, C. A. Wilbur.

Buying School Furniture.

A special meeting of the school board will be held this evening, at which time the committee which had in hand the investigation of bids for supplying furniture for the Braytonville and Johnson schools will submit a report. The aggregate cost of furnishings, such as desks, seats, chairs, etc., for both schools will amount to about \$3000. The contract will probably be awarded at this evening's meeting.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

The Christmas Season ushered in by a Howling Blizzard.

SLEIGHING IN THE PARKS.

The Attractive Department Stores. Business on "The Street." Cuban Question. The Senatorship. Attraction at Wallack's.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1896.
 The Christmas season was fittingly heralded in New York by Wednesday's snow storm, which in its beginning was so fast and furious that every one began to recall the "blizzard" and prepare for its equal. Though its duration was short the snow fell so rapidly that the city still retains its mid-winter aspect except in the streets that Colonel Waring's able department has cleared for traffic, and today every sleigh that could be begged or borrowed was adding its contribution to the number of winter-lovers in the parks.

This week New York presents an unusually lively appearance. The department stores that have been doing so much to make the town picturesque this fall, in their endeavors by novel attractions to bring to themselves the trade which was divided by the new competitors, are now reaping their rewards and crowds of purchasers are gladdening the hearts of the merchants in making ready for the day of gifts, while the spirit of Christmas keeps the skies fair that no would-be-giver may be deterred from carrying out his intentions by untoward weather.

On the "street" two circumstances have conspired to weaken prices, and thus indirectly affect business throughout the country, high rates of exchange, and the senate committee's action on the Cuban resolution. The first cause is merely incidental to the great accumulation of idle money in New York, which is forcing investors to accept the higher rates of interest now obtaining in Europe.

As for Cuba, business men generally feel that the situation as stated in the president's message calls for no immediate action, and that, while in due season it may be the duty of our government to take some action looking to an end of the war, it is by no means evident that we can do any good by prematurely recognizing the very uncertain and ill-defined "Republic" of Cuba.

A more vital question politically is the coming election of senator in this state. The Union League club has initiated a campaign in behalf of Joseph H. Choate, and other clubs and organizations are rapidly taking the matter up by endorsing his candidacy.

The Republican machine, made confident by the great party victories of the past three years, is preparing to nominate ex-Senator Platt.

Mr. Choate is the unquestioned leader of the American bar, an energetic and convincing public speaker, a man of education and refinement, unwilling to stoop to the petty meanness and chicanery of machine rule; in fine, a most excellent representative of our New England virtues. The best that can be said for Mr. Platt is that he never presumed to be better than he is and that he rendered a real service to the country by his energetic work at St. Louis last June, where by co-operation with the Massachusetts delegates he succeeded in having the gold plank inserted in the Republican platform.

Even his opponents must admit that Mr. Platt has an undoubted ability in making friends. His hold on the country's legislators is remarkable, and though it is a "plucky tie," the most sanguine of Choate's supporters cannot look for the election of his candidate. That New York is thus unwilling to honor and be honored by one of her most eminent citizens will be a lasting stigma to party politics.

At Wallack's theatre, a name old playgoers delight to see once more, Mr. Willard is charming his audiences with his presentation of "The Rogue's Comedy." A very lovable fellow does Willard make this rogue; one for whom you wish all manner of good fortune; and whom you readily forgive his readiness to profit by the follies of London society.

The spectator is at once pleased and amused at this admirable impersonation of a trickster who is clever enough to deceive all London, but who never forgets his love for "his wife," and is unwilling to cast the slightest stain on his son. Miss Brandon takes the part of the wife excellently, never permitting, in spite of constant opportunity, the emotional passages to fall into ranting, and aiding her husband in his schemes and watching with pride the honest career of their son in that perfect good faith so typical of a fond wife and acting mother.

The play is full of that clean wit which we Americans have been so accustomed to associate with our own actor, W. H. Crane, and Willard's success, like that of Crane, is an indication that our public is ready to admire and patronize good dramas whenever it has an opportunity.

Newspaper Man to Wed.

Miss Edith Gould of Worcester and Louis C. Chase, business manager and one of the publishers of the Berkshire Sunday Democrat, will be married in Worcester Tuesday evening. The wedding will be strictly private, only members of the immediate families having been invited to be present. They will take a short wedding trip and will be at home to friends in North Adams at 20 Porter street on Tuesday evenings in January, beginning with the 12th.

A DISCHARGED LODGER

Goes to the Committee With a Pitiful Tale of Woe.

A man who had been stopping at the lodging house for some time was discharged a few days ago for failure to comply with the regulations and make proper returns for his accommodation. He immediately sought out several members of the lodging house committee and poured into their ears a tale of woe that would hardly be expected from any one who, desiring the accommodations of the lodging house, was not willing to faithfully do what little is required in return, and the story he told was very far from the truth, according to Mr. Howard, who is connected with the management of the lodging house thus woe. Mr. Howard says the man proved to be a despicable and was simply "wronging" the establishment, and as soon as it was ascertained he was informed that it was time for him to look for other quarters.

It was then that the man began his missionary work among the members of the committee. He told them the lodging house was grossly mismanaged and that an investigation should be had. He said if anything extra good to eat was sent in it went to a select few, while the common lodgers had very hard and scanty fare. The fellow represented that there were many shortcomings in the management and, on the whole, made out a very bad case.

Mr. Howard trusts that no one will be prejudiced by such a tale from such a source when it is perfectly easy to obtain the facts. He says the lodging house is open to inspection at all times, and whoever is interested is invited to call, at meal time or any other, and see how things are going and what the men are given to eat.

WHO IS WILLING?

A Heavy Mail Awaits the Arrival of Mr. Santa Claus.

If there is a person who possesses a spirit of philanthropy in sufficient measure to be willing to act as the Santa Claus for this city until after Christmas is passed such a one may be assured, judging from the daily arrivals of carefully penned missives at the postoffice, that there is plenty of opportunity for satisfying all generous inclinations.

The letters in each instance bear the name of Santa Claus, but there is a disparity in the addresses of the residence, reaching from the North to the South pole. That the little tots do not seem to realize that the fulfillment of their wants should be at all impaired by the so-called "hard times" may be observed by the contents of the following letters, which express the wishes of a brother and sister for Christmas presents.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS—Please send me a wheelbarrow, a doll, a box of tools, a ring, some pretty handkerchiefs, a ball, a watch, a sled, a new dress, a box of blocks, a b. c. book and a collar for my pussie. Please send them to—

NORTH ADAMS, MASS., DEC. 19, 1896.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS—Please bring me a pretty new dress, a pink hair ribbon, a doll dressed in long dresses, a little wash tub, and a ironing board, a writing desk, a new ring, a doll's chair, a pair of skates, box of handkerchiefs, a watch and chain. You will find our stockings hanging beneath the tree in the kitchen. Don't forget to come to us.

ANOTHER BACKWARD WRITER.

A Letter From One Who Can Match Master John Ghidoli.

In the TRANSCRIPT's mail a day or two ago was a letter which for a moment after it was opened was extremely mystifying. After a little study, however, the key was discovered and it was seen that the letter was written in the peculiar style of John Ghidoli, the State street school boy whose backward writing was recently reported in these columns, and which peculiarity has attracted much attention. It was this case that called out the letter to the TRANSCRIPT, which is herewith given:

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT—In looking over this week's issue of the TRANSCRIPT I notice that the case of one John Ghidoli has given rise to considerable comment, and thinking that perhaps it might prove to be more or less interesting to those who have given the subject any notice, I decided to write you a few lines so that in case "franks of nature" should eventually prove to be in demand you would know where you could locate one more.

Master Ghidoli's case is the only one that has ever come under my notice. I can assign no particular reason for my being able to write backwards, certainly never practiced it, and this is the very first time I ever wrote a letter in this way. And now, thanking you for your indulgence and trusting it may prove interesting to some one, I beg to remain, Yours truly,
 WILL H. HAZLETT.

The above letter is what may be called "hard reading" until it is held up to the light and read through the paper. When seen in that way the handwriting is excellent, and it is surprising that one who has not practiced in that way could do so well. The letter may be seen at this office by any one interested.

Children's Exercises.

The primary department of the Baptist Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas exercises Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The program, which consists of a little dialogue given by a company of twenty children, entitled "The Brownies," besides recitations and singing, will be given in the chapel, after which supper will be served in the primary class room off Eagle street. There are about 250 scholars in this department.

The meeting of the Y. M. C. A. directors has been postponed from tonight to next Monday evening.

HINTS TO HOLIDAY BUYERS

Buy where you find quality and price equal. In our Xmas goods we have combined good sense and economy in a way that appeals to all. Let your gifts be such as will carry comfort and pleasure with them many months after they are given.

UNDERWEAR

All-wool, selected fleece, white, gray or red. 50c to \$2 a garment. A warm cosy Cardigan Jacket takes many dollars worth of comfort with it \$1.50 to \$3.

If there's a boy to buy for, big or little, what could better please him than one of our new winter Sweaters in black or colors \$1 to \$1.50.

MEN'S JEWELRY

Cuff Buttons 50c to \$1, Collar Buttons 10c to 50c, Studs 25c to \$1, Scarf Pins 25c to \$2, New and up-to-date Xmas-date in design.

UMBRELLAS

Close rolling, all-silk, or Gloria silk \$1 to 5.

LEATHER PURSES

For ladies and gentlemen, new patterns, plain, fancy or trimmed, 25c to \$2.

Good weather for an Overcoat. Try a Cutting-Made.

Cutting & Co Wholesale Retailers. CUTTING CORNER.

SAMUEL CULY & CO

You will find something in our display of Christmas Novelties,

BIG GLOAK SALE

Immense Reductions.

Lowest Prices.

SAMUEL CULY & CO

WHY DO YOU PAY RENT?

The Money you Pay for Rent will in a few years purchase one of the Eight New Houses I have just completed on Glen Avenue. The Location, 5 minutes walk from the Windsor Print Works and Eclipse Mill, and 15 minutes from the Postoffice, is particularly desirable; The Neighborhood is good and cannot deteriorate; It is in a section where real estate is bound to increase in value with the natural growth of the city with greater rapidity than any other.

Why is this the Greatest Opportunity ever Offered?

Because the material used is better than any ever put into houses of this class, and the construction was by DAYS-WORK under the superintendence of Orman Hicks, which insures the most honest workmanship on them. Because they are all supplied with City Water, are connected with the Sewer, wired for Electric Lights, have other modern conveniences, because the Lots are very large (66x148 1-2 ft), and face a street sixty-six feet in width that has been accepted and will be put into good condition by the city;

AND BECAUSE They will be offered at Prices which people who have watched the construction of these houses are amazed at. The house on the corner of Franklin street will be sold for \$3000, and each of the others for \$2750. 75 per cent of the Purchase Money may remain on Mortgage at Five per cent.

A full description would be tiresome, and would fail to convey an adequate idea of their superiority

LET ME SHOW THEM TO YOU

HARVEY A. GALLUP,

Boland Block, Main Street.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Special Dispatch to the Transcript.

FAI
Washington Forecast for Massachusetts:
DEC. 21.
Fair tonight, increasing cloudiness and probably light local snows in southern and western portions Tuesday.

POST OFFICE SERVICE

NORTH ADAMS MAIL.

London, East, and Northern New England.

Arr. 8:50 a.m., 12:15, 4:00-5:00-9:10-11:15 p.m.
Dep. 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:15, 7:30-8:30-9:30-11:15 p.m.

N. York City, South and West.
Arr. 8:50 a.m., 12:15, 4:00-5:00-9:10-11:15 p.m.
Dep. 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:15, 7:30-8:30-9:30-11:15 p.m.

Canada.
Arr. 8:50 a.m., 12:15, 4:00-5:00-9:10-11:15 p.m.
Dep. 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:15, 7:30-8:30-9:30-11:15 p.m.

Pittsfield.
Arr. 8:50 a.m., 12:15, 4:00-5:00-9:10-11:15 p.m.
Dep. 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:15, 7:30-8:30-9:30-11:15 p.m.

Readsboro and Southern Vermont.
Arr. 8:50 a.m., 12:15, 4:00-5:00-9:10-11:15 p.m.
Dep. 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:15, 7:30-8:30-9:30-11:15 p.m.

General Delivery and Stamp Windows.
Open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Carriers' Window Service.
From 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday Mails.
Sent by delivery, 9 to 10 a.m. All mails close at 7 p.m.

Money Order and Register Department.
Open daily (except Sunday) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

General Delivery and Stamp Windows.
Open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Carriers' Window Service.
From 7 to 8 p.m.

Table Boarders Wanted

At HOSFORD'S New Dining Rooms, 59 Main St. up stairs. \$3.50 per week. Meals at all hours.

QUICK LUNCH

Downstairs.

THE ADAMS NATIONAL BANK.

Of North Adams, Mass.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Adams National Bank will be held at their Bank Building, 59 North Adams St.

Tuesday, the 13th day of January.

next, at 10 o'clock, p.m., for the following purposes, to wit:

1st. To choose Directors for the ensuing year.

2nd. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

P. S. WILKINSON, Cashier.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 10, 1894.

LOCAL NEWS.

A BEAUTIFUL SERVICE.

The Congregational Church Crowded to the Doors Sunday Evening.

The Congregational church was packed Sunday evening, all the standing room being taken and many being unable to gain admittance. The occasion was the beautiful musical service, "Christ in Art and Song," the program of which appeared in these columns last week. The service is especially appropriate to the Christmas season and the musical part was admirably rendered by a chorus choir of forty voices under the direction Mr. Miotzke, assisted by Miss Audria Bowen of Brooklyn, N. Y., and a string orchestra.

Stereopticon views, copies of works of the great masters, were thrown upon the canvas by Professor Peck of Williams college, and explanatory remarks were made by Rev. W. L. Tenney. The views represented scenes in the life of Christ from his birth in the manger to the close of his mission on earth, and these were interspersed with musical selections especially adapted to accompany them. The chorus work was exceptionally strong and excellent and the solos by Miss Bowen, Mr. Dunham, Miss Brown and Mrs. Streeter were very finely rendered. The work of the orchestra was also excellent and the service made a deep impression upon the large audience, which maintained an almost breathless stillness throughout. The views were clear and distinct, the explanatory remarks served to bring out their full force and the musical part of the program could hardly have been excelled. From this time on Christmas ought to mean more to every man, woman and child who attended this beautiful and impressive service.

The morning service at this church was also largely attended and the music was exceptionally fine.

Benefit Concert and Dance.

As we have previously announced, the concert and dance given tonight at G. A. R. hall under the management of Mrs. I. S. Browne is for the benefit of a worthy and destitute old soldier. The following excellent program will be rendered and every one attending is assured of a good time.

Program.

Piano solo.....Edward Ashman
Song.....Miss Marie Green
Congratulation.....Brown and Merritt
Song.....Miss Nina Wood
Scottish Dance.....Miss Jessie M. Shaw
Song.....Harry Browne
Recitation.....J. Q. Erwin
Song and dance.....Miss Nina Wood
Female banjo duet.....I. S. and H. C. Browne
Dancing will follow the concert.

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WAR NOT NECESSARY

Spaniards View the Cameron Resolution with Moderation.

CANOVAS DOES NOT EXPECT TROUBLE

The Prime Minister To Make a Declaration on President Cleveland's Message—The Official Organ Advises Spaniards To Go Slow.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—Senor Canovas del Castillo, the prime minister, has received the official text of President Cleveland's message to the American congress and will shortly make a declaration on that part of the document which refers to the Cuban question. Conferences have been held during the past few days between the most prominent men in political life in Spain with the object of seeking a solution of the problem which confronts the government, and which, it is possible, may cause a war with the United States. It is conceded in all political circles that the situation is grave, but it is thought that the willingness of Spain to grant reforms in the Spanish West Indies should tend to avert any display of aggressiveness on the part of the United States. One point is settled upon, and that is that no reforms shall be put into effect in Cuba until the insurrection shall have been suppressed, for it is held that to offer reforms with the Cubans still in arms would indicate weakness on the part of Spain and would also be derogatory to her honor. Though the popular indignation caused by the receipt of the news of the action of the committee on foreign relations of the American senate shows little sign of diminution, there have been no demonstrations against the United States or its representatives anywhere in Spain. That such manifestations were expected, however, is shown by the fact that police and gendarmes were detailed to guard the American legation here, and precautions were taken elsewhere to protect the consulates of the United States.

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should the excited people attempt to make an attack upon them. Orders were sent to the governors of the several provinces to prohibit any anti-American demonstrations, and from dispatches received from the provincial capitals it is known that the orders were faithfully carried out.

Spain Advised To Go Slow.

The Epoca, the organ of Senor Canovas and the ministerialists, in commenting upon the situation, says that Spain needs at the present moment much calm, sound judgment on the part of the public to avoid greater difficulties than those the government is now facing. As long as prudence is compatible with national honor Spain has nothing to do save defend her rights if they are attacked. A recognition of belligerency is not a casus belli unless such recognition is granted by an interested nation. Formerly Spain recognized the belligerency of the Southern States of America despite the protest of the federal government, which did not regard the attitude of European governments in this matter as a casus belli. If the act indicated by the Cameron resolution shall be consummated Spain will protest, thereby greatly influencing the relations between the United States and Spain, but Spaniards must not forget the attitude of the powers, which, after President Cleveland's declaration against the Anglo-Venezuelan dispute, abstained from any intervention. Spain ought to keep account of all these precedents.

Canovas Looks for No Trouble.

Prime Minister Canovas holds that under the framing of Senator Cameron's resolution, there will be no armed intervention on the part of the United States in Cuban territory. Though the partisans of the proposal may obtain the necessary votes to override the veto which he believes President Cleveland will interpose, so to make the resolution an obligatory act of congress, it would only effect a recognition of the independence of Cuba and lead to an offer of its good offices by the United States to terminate the war. With whatever officiousness the United States might interpose Spain will retain the right to accept or reject the offer of American good offices. If the United States recognizes the independence of Cuba she will then have to recognize the laws of neutrality. If the recognition of the belligerency of the Cubans Spain

will have the right to stop and visit American vessels at sea. Senor Canovas does not think that the Cameron resolution need cause serious perturbation. It will only make the relations between Spain and the United States more strained, but need not cause a rupture. He will never consent to foreign interference in what is a question of Spain's domestic politics. Spain will regulate her acts so that nobody will be able to say that she made war upon another power yet she will always repel aggression. The tone of the newspapers generally is more moderate to-day than it was yesterday. They contain little to excite the populace.

American Petroleum in Germany.

Washington, Dec. 21.—From information received here from Berlin it is believed there is no truth in the published report that the German government intends to resort to prohibitive measures against the importation of American petroleum at an act of reprisal for President Cleveland's action in imposing tonnage dues upon vessels arriving in America from German ports.

Bishop Keane at the Vatican.

Rome, Dec. 21.—Bishop Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic university at Washington, is to have an audience with the pope this afternoon.

Lee Leaves for Havana.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Consul General Fitzhugh Lee, accompanied by his wife and daughter, left yesterday in the private car of President Du Val of the Florida Central & Peninsular railway for Tampa, where they are due this evening, and will leave Tampa for Havana on to night's steamer.

Death of Inventor Lyman.

New York, Dec. 21.—William Lyman of Middlefield, Conn., son of the late David Lyman, died of pneumonia in this city yesterday. William Lyman was best known as the inventor and manufacturer of the Lyman gun-sight, in use all over the world. He was a member of the Connecticut legislature in 1891.

Position for T. F. Bayard, Jr.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 21.—Thomas F. Bayard, jr., son of the ambassador, has accepted a position in the department of the corporation counsel of New York and will remove to that city early next year. He will be connected with the department of street openings. He is a Yale man, class of '80.

Swiss Restrictions on Our Meat.

Washington, Dec. 21.—United States Consul Germaine at Zurich, Switzerland, informs the state department that when American shippers send meat to that country without honor the restrictions against American meat importation will probably be removed.

Against New York Waifs.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21.—The new populist legislature will probably forbid by law the importation of homeless waifs from New York city. The Children's Home society has asked to be protected from the waifs brought into this state from New York on the ground that they are criminal and vicious.

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